

IOWA Economic Development Authority (EDA)

-Infrastructure Recovery

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Disaster Infrastructure Recovery Program

» Background on Infrastructure Recovery

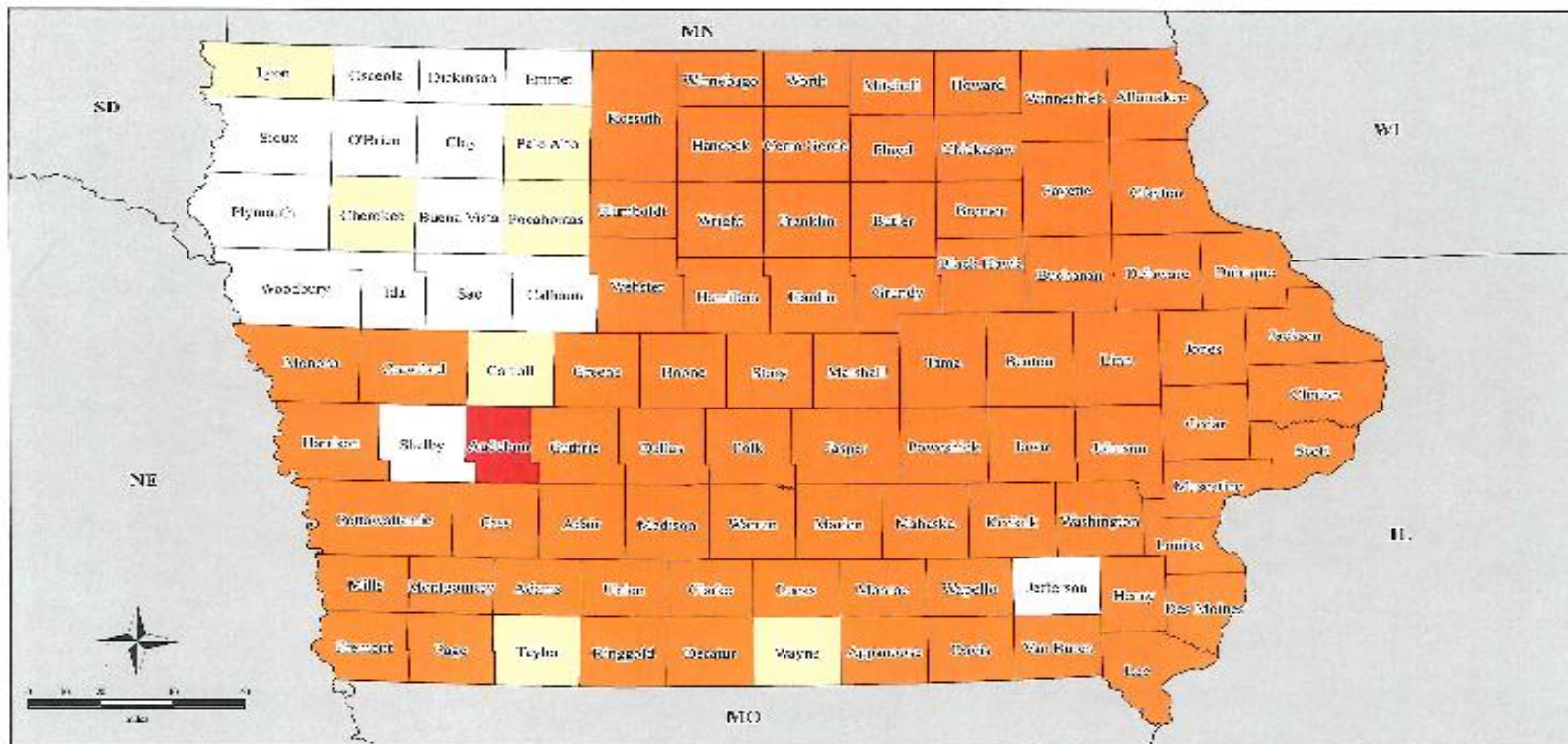
- Total Economic Development Disaster Infrastructure Funding \$177 million
- 90+ Separate Contracts
 - Predominantly sanitary sewer lining and separation issues resulting in reduced household sewer backups, less treatment costs for storm water and fewer overflows of treatment plants and illegal discharges into streams
- Includes Infrastructure Disaster Recovery and HMGP / FEMA - Match Projects

Program Snapshot

» Infrastructure Program Progress

- 90+ Separate Contracts
 - 8 Des Moines - \$ 25,900,000
 - 7 Cedar Rapids - \$ 32,267,000
 - 5 Iowa City - \$ 27,450,000
 - Coralville - \$ 12,100,000
- 50 Projects have been monitored to-date (construction at least 50% complete)
- 11 Projects Completed and Project Closed
- 2 Projects Withdrawn

**FEMA-1763-DR, Iowa
Disaster Declaration as of 08/26/2008**



Legend

Designated Counties

☐ No Designation

☐ Public Assistance

Individual Assistance

Individual Assistance and Public Assistance

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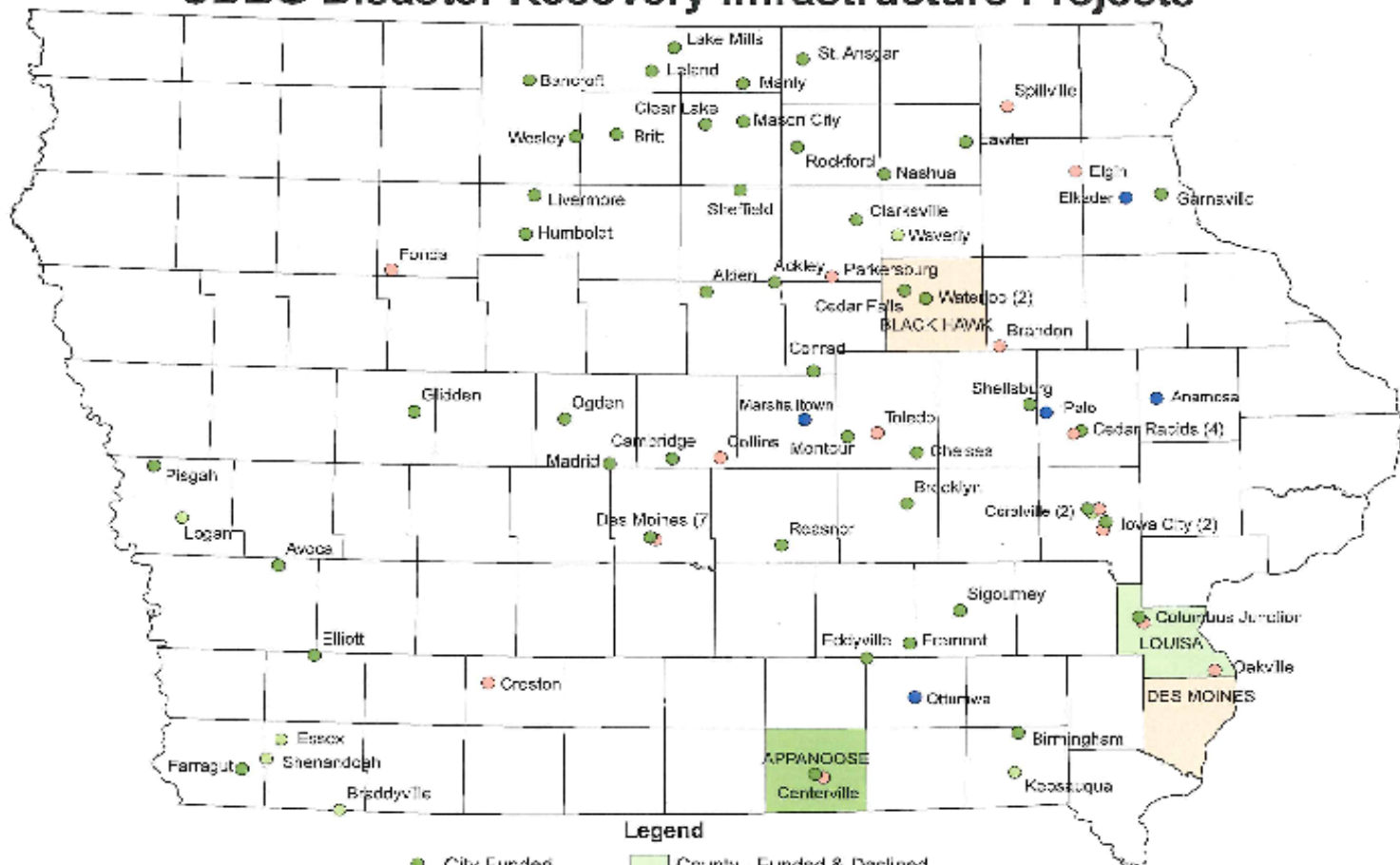
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HP 4700 BY BREAK ROOM

CDBG Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Projects



Source: Iowa Department of Economic Development
October 2009

Award Criteria

Two infrastructure project managers reviewed each application independently using pre-established rating criteria established in the State of Iowa Action Plan for disaster recovery.

The criteria were:

1. Urgency of need for the facility and threat to health, safety, or welfare.
2. Sufficient other local, state, or federal funds are not available.
3. Use of additional taxes or user fees would place undue burden on LMI.
4. Likelihood the project will be completed in a timely manner.
5. Benefit to low- and moderate- income persons.

Under criterion one priorities were established as follows:

1. Sanitary sewer/drinking water supply.
2. Storm/sanitary.
3. Storm sewers.
4. Roads/bridges.
5. Levee/flood walls.
6. Miscellaneous (designs, dams, neighborhood revitalization).

Program Design

» What Worked Well

- Existing Competitive Water / Sewer CDBG Program Guidelines to work from
- Ability of Experienced COG's to act as Project Administrators (\$8,000 - \$20,000 fees)
 - Familiarity with environmental requirements, procurement, federal language and Davis-Bacon regulation.

Program Design

» What Did Not Work Well

» 75% FEMA / 25% CDBG Match Program

- IEDA Imposed an LMI Requirement on Projects
- FEMA Funds did not require Davis-Bacon Labor Standards – Use of CDBG funds and Davis-Bacon requirement resulted in a “fear” of higher overall wages for the entire project

» Infrastructure Recovery Program

- Decision to fund lower priority projects
 - Levees, flood walls, bridges
 - A longer and/or 2nd round of application time frame would have resulted in many more higher priority projects (water supply, sanitary/storm sewers)
- Clear requirements for City Match, LMI
- No incentive for “green” storm water systems design

Program Implementation

» What Worked Well

- Intangibles – Administration & staff of IEDA
 - Perspective of “Iowans helping Iowans”
- Disaster Occurred May / June 2008 , FEMA Declaration #1763 on 8/26/08
 - \$ 16,000,000 Awarded and contracted by June 2009 (12 months)
 - \$ 110 ,000,000 Awarded and contracted by December 2009 (18 months)
 - \$ 177,000,000 Awarded and contracted by December 2010
- Good working relationship with IDNR (Dept. of Natural Resources)
 - Monthly status meetings to discuss application and permit review

Program Implementation

» What Did Not Work Well

- In part due to quick application turn-around there were isolated cases of COG / City / Engineer underestimating project scope and /or costs
- Description of Iowa City Issues / Problems
 - Levee Questions – Are levees and flood walls best left to Corps of Engineers for funding?
 - Citizen / Staff / Council Relationships

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